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Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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**SUBJECT: NEW PUBLIC ACCESS TO GEOGRAPHIC-BASED DATA
AT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

In accordance with the Board's vision to provide the public with as much quality information as possible, we have pursued a long-term strategy at the Department of Regional Planning to provide accurate land use policy and zoning information to the public via the internet. I am pleased to announce that a new version of GIS-NET, our very successful intranet application for providing multi-layered geographic information, is now available to the public. Effective June 1, 2006, Public GIS-NET can be accessed from the following provisional URL:

http://regionalgis.co.la.ca.us/imf/sites/GISNET_pub/jsp/launch.jsp

A permanent link to the site will be prominently displayed in the newly designed Department of Regional Planning website @ <http://planning.co.la.ca.us>, scheduled for roll-out on July 1, 2006.

Creation of this public website is consistent with **Action Plan C** of the Department of Regional Planning Strategic Plan, and with the County goals of Service Excellence and Organizational Effectiveness. The addition of this web-enabled GIS service to the Department's internet site will serve the Board's mission to improve the quality of life through responsive, efficient, and quality public service.

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Public access to our geographic-based database (Public GIS-NET) is the result of a multi-departmental, multi-year effort which involved contract negotiations, hardware and software acquisition, and the preparation of GIS data layers appropriate for public access. During this period, web-serving GIS technology has greatly evolved, much to the benefit of our GIS-NET development team, and ultimately for the general public.

We are confident that GIS-NET will provide the public with efficient access to accurate land use and zoning information for all of unincorporated Los Angeles County. Citizens will benefit from the many options offered for locating features of interest, and will also notice the variety of advanced tools and menu functions, as well as links to other sources of land use-related information.

I am pleased to inform the Board of Supervisors of this important achievement, and the Department of Regional Planning proudly looks forward to announce further developments in the area of public access to parcel-based data.

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